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DEFENDANT SENTENCED IN DOWNTOWN BANK ROBBERY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a defendant was sentenced in federal court today for robbing the Bank of America.

Charles E. Townsend, Jr., 35, address unknown, was sentenced by U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple this morning to 10 years in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Townsend** to pay \$2,535 in restitution.

On Oct. 13, 2004, **Townsend** pleaded guilty to robbing the Bank of America, located at 1200 Main St., in Kansas City. **Townsend** robbed the bank on Dec. 22, 2003, Graves said. He entered the bank, approached a teller and told the teller he needed \$1,500, after handing the teller a demand note and a brown envelope. Approximately two weeks later law enforcement officers received a tip from a person who believed she recognized a photo of **Townsend**. He was arrested the same day on Jan. 7, 2004.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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